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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Down 4 Percent in July

HARRISBURG, PA, Sep 1, 2010 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during July 2010 totaled 99.4 million pounds, down 4 percent from July 2009, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 96.4 million pounds live weight, was up 3 percent from July 2009. Total head slaughtered was 80,100, up 4 percent. Live weight averaged 1,215 pounds, 25 pounds per head less than last year. Veal production was 4.1 million pounds live weight, down 12 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 9,500 head was down 12 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 1 pound per head to 428 pounds.

Pork production was 54.6 million pounds live weight, down 12 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 215,400, down 12 percent from July 2009. Average live weight decreased 1 pound per head from last year to 254 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during July 2010 was 285,000 pounds live weight, down 23 percent. The number slaughtered was 2,900, down 22 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 1 pound per head from last year to 98 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in July 2010 totaled 3.96 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the 4.12 billion pounds produced in July 2009. Compared with a year earlier, beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Veal production totaled 10.9 million pounds, 1 percent above July a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was down 8 percent from July 2009.

January-July 2010 commercial red meat production was 27.8 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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